

OFFICIAL

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 02865

DATE: March 14, 2005

TIME: 7:5pm – Monthly Meeting - Open

PLACE: Town Council Chambers

100 River Road, Lincoln, RI 02865

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Weiss, Chair; MaryAnn Roll, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; Elizabeth Robson, Julie Zito, and Mary Ann Roll. Sue McClain absent.

ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE: John Tindall-Gibson, Superintendent; Linda Newman, Georgia Fortunato Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, and Ben Scungio, Esq.

OPENING CEREMONY

Motion to open meeting by St. Germain. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Weiss read a notice from Sue Sheppard regarding March 1st No Smoking Law.

RIGHT TO BE HEARD – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by St. Germain to approve February 14, 2005 Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Roll to approve February 14, 2005 Monthly Meeting Minutes. Seconded for discussion by St. Germain. Change the word to “recommended” in paragraphs one and two. Chair cannot make a motion. Motion by Zito to approve February 14, 2005 Monthly Minutes as amended. Seconded by St. Germain. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by St. Germain to approve February 14, 2005 Capital Budget Special Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tindall-Gibson said the Committee received one piece of correspondence from Vida Pontbriant.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

WINTER SPORTS CITATIONS

Weiss thanked all students for coming and for representing the school. He called out the student’s names and St. Germain handed out citations (see attached).

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Charles Cavicchio gave a brief background of how the Athletic

Council came to be. Corneila Hall described how the Athletic Council has grown (with parents and community involvement) from just purchasing pins and letters for the kids onto purchasing new pads in the high school gym. They are having a reverse raffle to help purchase score boards. The Town is donating the installation.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mencucci said the last meeting was held on March 3, 2005. Six bid packets came in for Middle School project. Bacon Construction was low bidder at \$22,426,000. The next meeting is to prioritize a renovation package to bring forward to the Committee. The project team is scheduled to attend meetings at all elementary schools in reference to updating the elementary schools on where the middle school process is now. With MaryAnn Roll's help and guidance, it was pulled off well. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2005. Things are going along right on schedule.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Tindall-Gibson reported out that we have a 3,547 student enrollment. An increase of 6 students.

2005 – 2006 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tindall-Gibson asked the Committee to adopt the recommended 05-06 calendar. He recommends pushing the start of the school year back

to after Labor Day. The architect has already asked that we start the 06-07 school year after Labor Day. Zangari asked what was happening on September 2nd. McComiskey said they usually give the teachers the Friday and the weekend to finish up things. Motion by St. Germain to approve calendar. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT.

Newman gave a summary of the BLT report. See attached. Roll said she was very impressed with the process and the quality of the work. It's a good indication that when work has to be done, people come together. Weiss thanked Newman for giving it her all and putting so much time and effort into it.

Fred Hoppe said it has been a challenge to get 6th grade teachers on board. He also volunteered to take Tindall-Gibson and School Committee members on a tour of middle school sites. St. Germain said Newman's work is exemplary.

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

Miller said there is a \$10,000 positive variance. She said there is an additional report this month in the packet. It's by department. The Town Council asked to have our details similarly presented like the Town's detail. She is awaiting the Town's feedback. Weiss said it was very useful.

CIVIC USE OF BUILDINGS – None

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Resignations

**a. Cynthia Carter From: LTS English teacher – MS
264 Fruit Hill Avenue Effective: March 17, 2005
North Providence, RI 02911**

Motion by St. Germain. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Leave of Absence Request

**a. Paula Bradshaw From: Teacher Assistant – HS
51 Blueberry Lane Maternity leave
Cranston, RI 02921 Effective: April 29, 2005 – June 10, 2005 (paid)
June 13, 2005 to end of s/y (unpaid)**

**b. Amy DeFarno From: SPED teacher – MS
19 Bel-Air Drive Childrearing (unpaid)
Glocester, RI 02814 Effective: 2005 – 2006 school year**

**c. Melanie Mellen From: PE/Health teacher – MS
66 Cozy Lane Childbirth/childrearing (unpaid)
Cumberland, RI 02864 Effective: August 30, 2005 to February 1,
2006**

Motion by St. Germain. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Support Staff Appointment

**a. Joseph Butler To: 2nd Shift Custodian – HS
17 Lonsdale School Street Effective: March 15, 2005
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$14.17/hr.**

Motion by Zangari. Seconded by St. Germain. All in favor. Motion carried.

Coaching Appointments

**a. Susan Renzi To: Head Girls' Lacrosse Coach – HS
4 Old Jenckes Hill Road Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,993**

**b. Dave Enos To: Head Softball Coach – HS
18 Sprague Avenue Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$4,277**

**c. Jon Bruckner To: Assistant Softball Coach – HS
7 Avenue D Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,814**

**d. Edward Hunt To: Head Baseball Coach – HS
45 State Street Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Woonsocket, RI 02895 Salary: \$4,277**

**e. Sean Cavanaugh To: Assistant Baseball Coach – HS
4 Ashley Drive Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,814**

**f. Phil Gould To: Boys' Volleyball Coach – HS
17 Manville Avenue Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Manville, RI 02838 Salary: \$2,658**

**g. George Kilsey To: Assistant Boys' Volleyball Coach – HS
2 Chase Lane Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,082**

**h. Kevin Mulligan To: Girls' Outdoor Track Coach – HS
32 Ledge Brook Drive Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
North Attleboro, MA 02760 Salary: \$3,098**

i. Michael Orsini To: Assistant Girls' Outdoor Track Coach – HS

34 Milo Street Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year

Providence, RI 02908 Salary: \$2,396

j. John Menna To: Boys' Outdoor Track Coach – HS

160 Natick Avenue Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year

Cranston, RI 02921-1106 Salary: \$3,098

k. Susan Carlson To: Assistant Boys' Outdoor Track – HS

2 Beverly Drive Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year

Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,396

l. Peter Pendergast To: Boys' Tennis Coach – HS

91 Sage Drive Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year

Warwick, RI 02886 Salary: \$2,589

m. Maria Ruzzano To: Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach – HS

17 Foxwood Drive Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year

Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$2,082

n. Walter Drapala To: Golf Coach – HS

250 Prospect Avenue Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year

North Kingstown, RI 02852 Salary: \$2,364

o. Joe Conti To: Baseball Coach – MS

**3 Great Meadows Lane Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$1,351**

p. Frank Kelly To: Softball Coach – MS

**92 Parker Street Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$1,351**

q. Marina Tsonis To: Co-Track Coach – MS

**15 Highview Drive Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: \$675.50**

r. Brenda King To: Co-Track Coach – MS

**5 Michael Drive Effective: 2004 – 2005 school year
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$676.50**

Motion by Robson. Seconded by St. Germain. Amended by Zangari to change last four position to MS locations. Seconded by Robson. Motion by St. Germain. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

LTS Teacher Appointment

a. Matt Barboza To: LTS Grade 2 teacher - Northern

**56 Maplecrest Drive Effective: February 28, 2005
Pawtucket, RI 02861 Salary: \$14,194.78 (BA Step 1)**

b. Carolyn Costello To: LTS English teacher – HS

**61 Crestwood Drive Effective: February 28, 2005 to end of s/y
West Warwick, RI 02893 Salary: \$14,194.78 (BA Step 1)**

c. Kara Haddad To: LTS Grade 5 teacher – Saylesville

**4 Pine Grove Avenue Effective: February 28, 2005 to end of s/y
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$15,459.48 (MA Step 1)**

d. Diane Littlehale To: LTS Chorus/Music teacher – HS

**125 Providence Street Effective: March 9, 2005 to end of s/y
Rehoboth, MA 02769 Salary: \$15,437.49 (BA Step 4)**

**Discussion by Zangari regarding Menna's leave. It was agreed that he
could not coach if he could not return to work. Motion to approve by
Zangari. Seconded by St. Germain. All in favor. Motion carried.**

EXPENSE WARRANTS – 3/14/05

Invoices Paid in Advance 010 Operating Budget

\$342,297.89

802 Tuitions – ELC Preschool \$1,788.00

Invoices for Payment

010 Operating Budget	\$1,133,423.08
019 Professional Development	\$1,019.95
802 ELC-Preschool	\$116.98
866 Title II	\$157.34
858 Perkins Grant – HS	\$742.19
879 Title III	\$42.00
890 Janci Salary	\$1,885.00

Total 2004/05 Invoices	\$1,137,386.54
Grand Total Invoices	\$1,481,472.43

Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - EXPENSE WARRANTS – 3/14/05

Invoices Paid in Advance 010 Operating Budget	\$	-
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Invoices for Payment

010 General Fund	\$14,403.49
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Total 2004/05 Invoices	\$14,403.49
Grand Total Invoices	\$14,403.49

Motion by Zangari to approve. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

AWARDING OF BIDS

Food Service Award

Miller said Lincoln's food service contract is due to expire on June 30, 2005. We are required to go out to bid for a five year period in one year increments. Some Business Managers have gotten together and drafted a prototype of a bid and a contract which is USDA approved and DOE approved. There was a mandatory pre-bid meeting on March 3, 2005. Aramark was the successful bidder. The best way to evaluate is through profit or loss. Aramark can guarantee a profit of \$47,013 annually, assuming the prices stay the same. Zito asked if there is language in the contract that addresses the quality of food and the menu? Miller said the quality of food and what's offered are driven by two things. The amount of money we have to work with in terms of buying food and the USDA requirements. St. Germain asked Miller if a price increase would remove some of the blocks that stop other companies from bidding? No, she asked them to bid two different ways. The current pricing and an increase in the price. Roll asked if Aramark works with an advisory committee. Miller said yes. Miller needs the administration to have the authority to meet with the food service company, negotiate a contract, and come up with a price increase and a plan to deliver a more nutritious school lunch for the duration of the contract. Motion by St. Germain to accept a proposal by the Business Manager. Seconded by Roll. Zangari abstained because his wife works for Aramark. All in favor. Motion carried.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNITED HEALTHCARE PRESENTATION

St. Germain went to a work shop presented by United Healthcare. Blue Cross has also dropped their price down. The savings would not be near as much and will confer with the Business Manager before making a presentation. This is an on-going effort. There is a lot of material to review.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Rick Batastoni – Saylesville – Inspired by the BLT presentation. Is there a thought for a BLT II for the high school. Not sure the SIT can take up the big picture questions.

MaryAnn McComiskey, President, LTA – Manville – Thanks Newman for her outstanding presentation on the BLT. Agrees with Batastoni in context of the BLT. The follow up to the BLT is our biggest challenge. Make sure the 6th grade teachers are included.

Lori DeSimone – Central – Commended the BLT team of doing a fine job. Concerned with School Lunch Program. May be we want to get an even better quality program and take less profit on school department's end.

Vanna Denoinan – Limerock – Thanked Newman for her perseverance. Said we have terrific elementary schools, we will have a state-of-the-art middle school, and a pretty good high school.

Motion to adjourn opening meeting at 8:45pm to Executive Session by St. Germain. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE